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There is a popular belief (shared as well by President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Interior Ickes) that a large part of the 12,000,000 men and women in uniform will want farms when they are demobilized. The usual guess is that there will be 2,000,000 farm-seeking veterans. Although farming is a business in itself and a farmer should know the character of his soil—what crops it can best raise, when to plant and the average precipitation of his locality as well as where his market should be, agriculture is no easy way of making a living. Farming is learned the hard way.

Expectation that there will be some two million candidates for farms is to be advanced as a reason for congress to appropriate funds to develop the projects on the program of the reclamation service. No. 1 project is, of course, the Columbia basin, to be irrigated with water impounded at Grand Coulee. Land classification, proposed townships, canals, roads, etc. have mostly been laid out on paper together with the size of the projected farms. Another is the Deschutes project in Oregon, already started, and two projects in Idaho. Substantial appropriations will be necessary to activate with a little loss of time as possible to prepare these new lands for settlement.

The estimate of the government is that it requires about \$10,000 for a farmer to make a start, especially on raw land. This would provide a modest home, a tractor and a few essential tools. The money, it is explained, could be raised in part under the loan provision of the GI bill of rights. These loans being guaranteed in part by the federal government. But the veteran on a reclamation project must know something about irrigation, or be coached in that particular type of farming, before being placed on the land.

On most of the reclamation projects sufficient preliminary work has been done so that contracts can be let by the reclamation engineer as soon as funds are made available by the congress.

Taken out of the realm of politics is the suggested retention of members of the armed forces and delay their demobilization to soften the unemployment problem. Congress has passed a bill and it has been signed very recently by President Roosevelt prohibiting retention of army and navy personnel "for the purpose of preventing unemployment." The issue was raised when General Hershey was reported as having said it would be cheaper to keep the boys in the service than to demobilize them and set up an agency to care for them. Answer to the charge was a complete denial by the war department that such a plan was even contemplated and assurance that the troops would be returned to civilian life at the earliest possible moment. But congress decided not to take a chance, hence the legislation.

An administration at \$12,000 a year is to be appointed by the president, with senate confirmation, to supervise the present agencies in charge of reemployment and retraining. It appears to be a fifth wheel, a superfluous office, for the U. S. employment service is now in control of America's manpower. The administrator, as yet unnamed, is to consult with all present state and local agencies having jurisdiction over these matters and correlate them. If the president should nominate for this job the head of the veterans administration the \$12,000 salary would not need be paid.

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Coming Tuesday Bank Liability Amendment Aid To Stat. Banks



Senator Cordon Will Visit County Meeting Public

Senator Guy Cordon will be in Moro next Tuesday night, October 17 and arrangements have been made for him to meet Sherman county people at the court room in the court house that evening at 8 o'clock. Every one is invited to come and meet Oregon's most active senator who will be glad to hear of any problems the county has that need the attention of the delegation in Washington.

Senator Cordon will be accompanied by his campaign manager, Marshall Cornett, state senator from Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties, and by Larry Smyth, political writer for the Oregon Journal.

Mr and Mrs W.H. Cauthers are leaving this week for Salem where he has employment with the state highway commission as watchman of an extra gang. They expect to remain all winter.

One Ticket Named For City Offices

A dozen Moro citizens met at the council room Tuesday night and made up a city ticket for the election in November. Names of those nominated for the offices will appear on the ticket.

Nominated were: Giles French for mayor; Harry Kunsman, Clyde Gillmor, Ernest Woods for four year term councilmen; G. Douma Lawrence Kenny, LeRoy Wright for two year term councilmen and C. V. Belknap for treasurer.

Local interpretation of the law is that any group of reasonable size can name ticket-bearing different names for any or all offices. And at any time before ten days prior to the election any one who wishes to become a candidate for any city office may file a petition with the recorder and his name will appear on the city ballot along with those nominated by the caucus or caucuses.

Bond Campaign Begins November 20

Giles French, Sherman county war finance committee chairman, received notification last week of a state conference October 18 and 19 in Portland to plan Oregon's part in the 6th war loan. The drive is scheduled for November 20 thru December 16.

Ted R. Gamble, national director, war finance division, and Robert Coyne, field director, will headline the schedule of events on October 18, when national plans for the 6th war loan drive will be presented. Second day of the conference will be devoted to planning Oregon's localized campaign so it will coordinate with the national campaign, according to E. C. Sammons, state chairman.

Over-all goal was announced as \$14,000,000,000. Five billion dollars is set as the goal for individuals, of which \$2,500,000,000 must be raised in E bonds. Marketable issues will be on sale from December 1 to December 16.

Oregon's quota has not yet been set.

Repealer Would Equalize Conditions Between State and National Banks

First of the measures on the ballot is the constitutional amendment to remove the double liability from stockholders of state banks.

This measure has been on the ballot many times and, unless passed, will probably continue to be found there for some years. The reason for it is obvious when the history of our banking laws is told.

About 30 years ago it was determined that stockholders of state banks should be doubly liable to depositors in case of bank failure. It was a good provision in those days when nearly all banks were state banks. It had a wide application.

Now there are few state banks and most of them were established prior to the time the law went into effect. Banks that were established before the law went into effect are not under the double liability statute. Neither are national banks.

The effect of the law now is to make it more difficult to start new state banks as newly established banks would be subject to the double liability law. The Federal Deposit Insurance act guarantees depositors up to \$5000 which makes double liability of little value to the depositor in any event.

The proposed amendment leaves the double liability effective for banks that have not taken out the Federal Deposit Insurance.

There are some sections in Oregon that would be able to start a state bank if stockholders of it could be on a financial level with stock holders of national banks.

This amendment would help them and, as it is doing little good to depositors as it is. A favorable vote seems the best policy.

Womans Club Begins Winter's Meetings

The Moro Woman's club held its first meeting Oct. 5 with a year 25 members present.

Because of the great amount of business to be taken care of no special program was arranged.

The president, Mrs. E. H. Amidon, gave a brief explanation of the year's program as outlined in the books, which were given to each member present.

The following names were voted on to become members of the club, Mrs. W. D. Wallan, Mrs. Tom Preece, Mrs. Edwin Cushing, and Mrs. Merle Becket.

It was also voted to raise the dues to \$2.00 per year in an attempt to avoid giving benefits to meet the various obligations of the club.

The bond and clothing drive was more fully discussed and a chairman from the club appointed to work with the bond salesman in each district as follows:

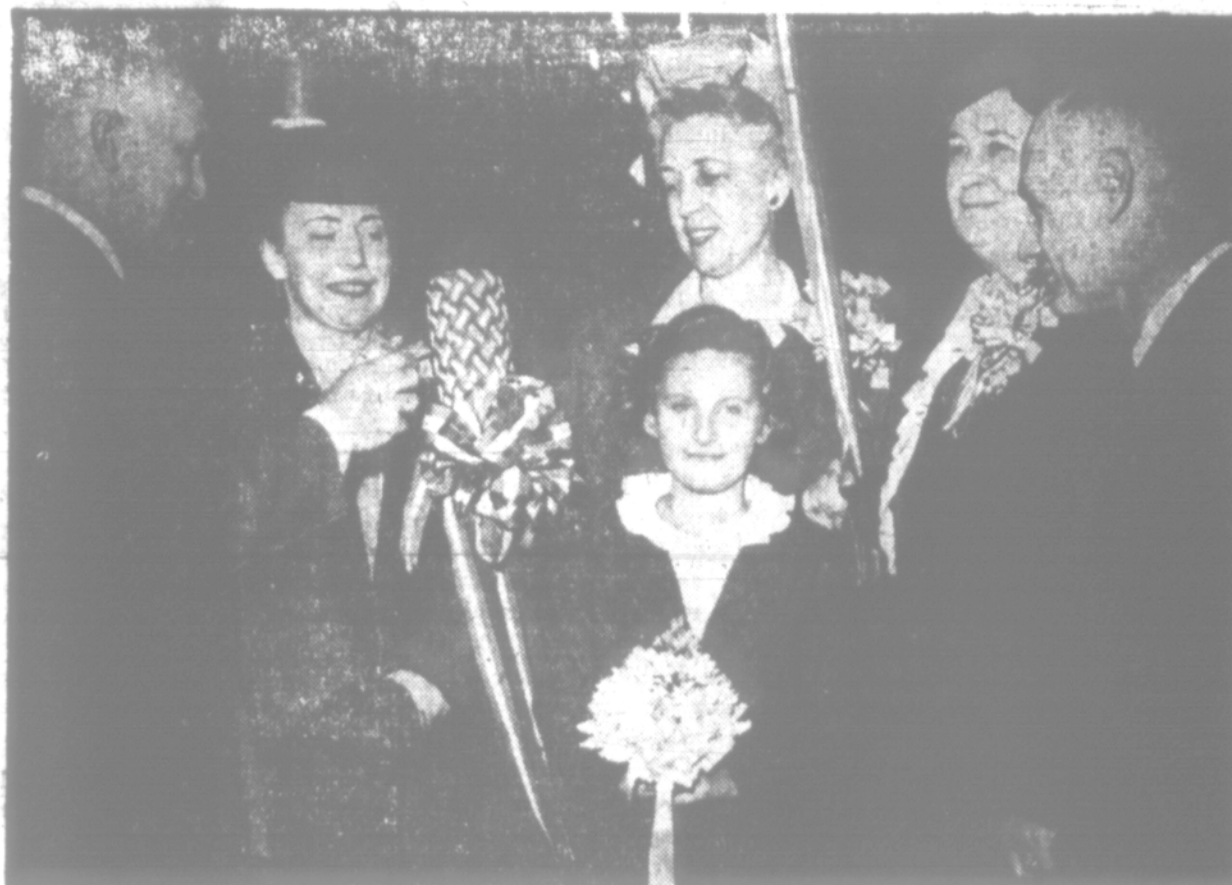
School—Mrs. Tom Preece
Town—Mrs. M. M. Oveson
Boardman—Mrs. Tom Fraser
Harmony—Mrs. Hazel Belshe
Monkland—Mrs. Ted Thompson
Fairview—Mrs. Carl Melzer
Erskine—Mrs. C. P. Moore

An article entitled "Clothing for the UNRRA" showing the extreme need of warm clothing for the European Allies was read by Mrs. Chas. Kenny.

Also a 3-year plan "The General Federation Looks at the American Home," written by Mrs. La Fell Dickerson, President of the GFWC read by Mrs. A. Douma.

Any members wishing to help clean the club house meet at the club rooms next Friday October 13 at 10 o'clock. Bring lunch if you like.

The next meeting will be Oct. 20 with the American Citizenship and Legislative Department in charge.



War bond buyers of eastern Oregon were honored Thursday when Mrs. Giles French of Moro christened the attack transport U. S. S. Fond du Lac at Oregon Shipbuilding corporation's plant, Portland. The official party, shown here, included Mr. French, chairman of the Sherman county war finance committee; Mrs. Byron Pinckney, wife of the chairman of the Morrow county committee; Mrs. French; Mrs. J. C. Dixon, chairman of the Grant county committee, and Forrest E. Cooper, deputy manager of the Oregon war finance committee, with Miss Vivette Sparling, flower girl, in front. Sherman county had the highest per capita bond purchase record in the nation, with Morrow and Grant counties runners-up.

Fond du Lac Launched With Best Bond Selling County Representatives As Sponsoring Party

The USS Fond du Lac was launched last Thursday at 1:15 from the Oregon Shipbuilding company's ways in north Portland with representatives of Sherman Morrow and Grant counties officiating.

Sponsor was Mrs. Giles French, whose husband is bond chairman of Sherman county. Matron of honor were Mrs. B. C. Pinckney of Heppner, wife of the chairman for Morrow county and Mrs. J. C. Dixon of John Day, who is county

The program of the launching of the USS Fond du Lac will be broadcast next Sunday, October 15, by KODL, The Dalles. Time of broadcast will be 3 p. m.

chairman of Grant county. Flower girl was Vivette Sparling, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clarence Sparling of Moro. Rev. F. L. Cannell of Wasco was officiating minister.

Members of the launching party were entertained at dinner by the shipyard personnel office Wednesday evening and were shown the shipyards at night with an explanation.

Most Drivers Go Faster Than 35

Eighty-five percent of the drivers using the Pacific highway during the month of August traveled at speeds up to 48 miles an hour, according to Secretary of State Bob Farrell. Speed checks maintained by the traffic engineering division of the state highway department showed that the speed of the majority of drivers was slightly under the rate set for July.

Only 15 percent of the drivers held their speeds under 35 miles an hour, the wartime speed limit, compared to 17 percent during the month of July.

EVER TRY ALLIGATOR TAIL OIL?

While Americans complain about their gasoline ration of two gallons per car per week, folks in other parts of the world have had to resort to grotesque expedients to keep their automobiles running.

The Foreign Commerce Weekly, official publication of the Department of Commerce, says, Cuba is reported to be using fuel that is 75 percent gasoline and 25 percent rum, while on the Island of Martinique a mixture of 92 percent rum and eight percent gasoline is recommended. Alligator-tail oil is reported successfully used as a diesel fuel in the State of Para, Brazil, and Free China has made motor fuel out of Tung oil.

tion of the vessel to be launched and the equipment that goes on her.

These attack transports are built on the Victory hull and are equipped to carry men and their equipment and landing craft to the scene of battle.

Sherman county was chosen to have the principal part in launching the Fond du Lac because its per capita sales of E bonds in the Fifth War Loan drive that ended in July was higher than any county in the eastern Oregon district. It was also higher than any county in the state or United States. Morrow county was second and Grant

Wasco Airstrip Busy Place Now As Dozens Learn To Fly

Wasco now has an airstrip to accommodate the many air-minded individuals of the community. Sunday, October 1, the students of Fat Cody and Forrest Taylor flew from the new air field directly east of the Catholic church in Wasco. In the near future the landing strip will be surfaced in order that it can be used during winter weather.

The Torque club has been organized for those who show an active interest in aviation. It is the Alpha Chapter, Virgil Conlee of Moro is president; Joe Hilderbrand of Wasco vice-president Catherine Fridley of Wasco secretary; and Flora Conlee of Moro, treasurer. This club is making plans for the improvement of airport, for the advancement of flying, as well as for various social functions.

Ground school classes are being held Mondays and Thursdays at the Wasco school at 8:30 p. m. under the direction of Pat Cody. Navigation is the subject now being studied.

To date nineteen students have completed their 8-hours of dual instruction and soloed from the Wasco field since Mrs. Helen Gardner began instructing in June. When the instructor deems it wise the student tries the wings by himself and thus solos. Those who have passed this step in their flying career are: Marge Rinehart, Gordon R. Ch. Catherine Fridley, Virgil Conlee, Joe Hilderbrand, Roy Martin, Dessie Neasham, Eldon Neasham, Stanley Sweet, Jerry Barnett, Ella Mae Gottschalk, Arnold Gottschalk, Wayne Smiley, Cyril Kruger, Alice Wolf, Harry Taylor, Henry Richelderfer, Bud Powell, George Moon and Bob Bruce.

Others who have been flying and expect to solo in the near future are: Joe Akers, Betty Juhnke, Ann Morrison, C. R. Morrison, Flora Conlee, Thelma Cody, Dick Overton, Don DeMoss, Dean Fuller,

was high in sales of other types of bonds.

Invited to attend the launching were the salesmen who have sold the bonds in Sherman county, together with the county courts of the three counties. Present from Sherman county were Mrs. French and daughters, Jane and Patty, Mr. French, Mr and Mrs Clarence Sparling and daughters, Donna Kayand Vivette, Mr and Mrs Merrill Oveson, Mr and Mrs Collis Moore, Joe Peters, Mr and Mrs David Reid, Mr and Mrs Frank Lamborn, Mrs. B. W. Guy, Rev. and Mrs. Cannell.

Cut courtesy of the Oregonian

Another Tie Game Counted By Moro

It appears from evidence at hand that the Moro High School football team and the Papooses from The Dalles are about equal in strength, strategy and substitutes. The first game between them was a 6-6 tie and last Friday at Moro the game ended 0-0.

Coach Preece of Moro says that his team is gaining in ability with each practice although he has been having some backfield trouble partly because of injuries. The exact backfield combination has not been found however.

The line, he says, is better than at any time last year and will be able to hold its own with any probable competition.

Today, the team goes to Condon for its first meeting with the Gilliam county high school boys. Line-ups for Moro vs Papooses:

Moro: Wilcox REL Hay
W. Melzer HTL Herman
Brishine RGL Blaser
Christianson C Scroggins
H. Melzer LGR Dyball
Hartley LTR Caldwell
K. Bayer LER Parmeter
Lawrence Q E. Caldwell
Fritts LHR Overman
Foster RHL Morrow
Roberson F Curtis
Subs, Moro: C. Ziegler, C. Crowley.

Subs, Papooses: Water, Barnhouse, Hughes.

Club Kids Go To Portland After County Show

High Quality of Stock Shows May Bring Awards In Larger Competitive Field

The 4-H club fair held at the fair grounds Saturday brought together all the club calves of the county for the first time and also started those calves on their final journey. That night they were loaded aboard cars and taken to Portland where, this week, they are competing against calves from all over Oregon in the combined PI and state fair.

The auction will be held Friday and the calves sold.

Winner in the Angus class was Terry Bucholtz with Ed Fritts, second, Harry Hartley third and fourth and James Hartley fifth. The Shorthorn class was won by Merle Eakin with Clarence May second, Duane Eakin third and fifth and Harry Hartley fourth.

In the Hereford class Phil von Bostel won first and his brother Fred second.

For beef calf showmanship Ed Fritts was first, Harry Hartley second, Clarence May third, Merle Eakin, fourth and Phil von Bostel fifth. Roger Ball placed first in the beef breeding class and Clarence May won in the small dairy division.

Lambs Show

The class of Southdown lambs was won by Stephen Oveson with Joan Oveson second. Crossbred sheep classes had Alfred Koch as winner with Clarence May second and third. The long wool class was won by Clarence May with his ewe and Bob Hoskinson for his ewe and lamb. Dick Oveson was first and Bob Hoskinson second for yearling ewe. Willy Knighten won in the fine wool class.

For showmanship of sheep Dick Oveson won first, Bob Hoskinson second, Willy Knighten third, Clarence May fourth and Joan Oveson fifth.

Ed Fritts had the best breeding gilt with John Alley second, Scott Fritts, third and Doran Fritts, fourth. In swine showmanship, Ed Fritts was first, Dick Oveson second, Scott Fritts third, Doran Fritts fourth and John Alley fifth. John Alley also won with his pen of four.

Ed Fritts won first and showmanship prizes with his light gilt and Joan Oveson and Willy Knighten placed in that order in the poultry class.

Ethan Woods, Sherman county boy, now county agent at Prineville was judge of the show.

Job of Reconvertng Agriculture Studied

The reconversion of agriculture from a wartime to a peacetime basis presents problems rivaling those of industry, reports R. B. Taylor, chairman of the Oregon AAA committee, who recently attended a regional conference on this and other subjects at Salt Lake City.

Considerable study is already being given to the problem of switching from the period when goals are the minimum with unlimited production sought, to a condition where goals will be the maximum with production to meet the aim.

Taylor also reported that the AAA will work with other government agencies in providing means for farmers to purchase surplus war materials that will be available in huge quantities from now on and especially after the war ends. Total government material to be sold is estimated at between 75 billion and 100 billion dollars worth, original cost basis. Sample auctions have been held in the middle west that appear successful, with one to be tried in the far west soon, he said.